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SUBJ: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: MARINE PANEL TWO -- ICE-  
TRANSITING VESSELS (05.0502)

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1. SCI OFFICER AUGUST 16 MET WITH ISHCENKO, CAPTAIN MAYNAGASHEV, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE NORTHERN SEA ROUTE, MINISTRY OF THE MERCHANT MARINE, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATION, MINISTRY OF THE MERCHANT MARINE. AT THE START OF THE MEETING, MR. AYKAZYAN CAME INTO INTRODUCE CAPTAIN MAYNAGASHEV AND THEN LEFT WHEN THE GROUP SAT DOWN.

2. FIRST ITEM DISCUSSED WAS DOT PROPOSAL TO CHANGE DATES FOR US-DEL VISIT. MAYNAGASHEV AND OTHER MERCHANT MARINE REPRESENTATIVE SAID SEPTEMBER 19 TO 26 WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCEPTABLE. THE DATES WOULD BE CHECKED AND THE EMBASSY INFORMED.

3. SCI OFFICER THEN ITEMIZED U.S. PROBLEM WITH NONSUBSTANTIVE NATURE OF CURRENT VISIT PROGRAM AND QUESTION OF COST EFFECTIVENESS AS DISCUSSED BY AYKAZYAN AND RAMUNDO IN JUNE. THERE WAS NO MIS-UNDERSTANDING OF POINTS EXPRESSED REF B AS THEY WERE REPEATED IN ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN SEVERAL TIMES.

4. EXAMPLES OF TYPES OF SUBJECTS DOT WISHES TO HAVE INCLUDED  
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(REF A) WERE LISTED AND HANDED TO ISHCENKO. MAYNAGASHEV

REVIEWD THE THREE POINT LIST AND QUICKLY SAID A VISIT TO THE ARCTICA CLASS ICEBREAKER WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE IT (SIC) WOULD BE AT SEA.

5. AFTER A FEW MINUTES OF THOUGHT MAYNAGASHEV SAID THE OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST PROPOSED BY DOT WOULD BE REVIEWED AND AN ANSWER PROVIDED THE SCI OFFICE.

6. COMMENT: ISHCENKO DID NOT HIMSELF REACT TO CONTENTS REF B, BUT TONE OF MEETING BECAME VERY SOBER AS DOT MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED. BOTTLES OF SOFT DRINKS OPENED FOR THE MEETING WERE LEFT UNOFFERED. IN PREVIOUS MEETING WITH ISHCENKO LITTLE TIME HAD BEEN WASTED BEFORE THE SAME DRINKS HAD BEEN QUICKLY CONSUMED. DOT POSITION ON NEED FOR SUBSTANCE IN AGENDA WAS NOT DISPUTED BY SOVIETS. AT ONE POINT THERE WAS A NOTE OF DEFENSIVENESS AND A REFERENCE TO AN EARLIER LETTER FROM PITKIN. THE MEETING ENDED WITH A POSITIVE SOVIET RESPONSE TO REVIEW THE DOT PROPOSALS AND LET US KNOW.  
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